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(c) whether the same has been brought into the accounts of the temple; and

(d) whether the Government have received any complaint in respect of this and, if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (a) A gold chain with stone pendant was offered on the 8th day of Avani Festival in the year 1959 and not in Avani 1960.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) No, Sir.

Fire accidents

* 196 Q.—SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state the number of fire accidents caused by the firing of crackers during Deepavali, 1960, in the State?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: Fifty-one fire accidents occurred in the districts and in the city due to the firing of crackers on 18th, 19th and 20th October 1960 and were attended to by the Fire Service Department.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN: May I know how many were prosecuted for using the Atom Bomb crackers and how many were awarded punishment?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: There is no question of prosecution. 'Atom bombs' were banned, and these were accidents caused by the ordinary fireworks.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Questions are over.

[Note.—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—POINT OF ORDER.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN: Sir, on a point of order.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I know what the point of order is about. The hon. Member has told me about it. But we are not officially aware of anything that is going on in the other House particularly during the current session. Nothing can be said now with reference to what has happened there.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN: I shall state what I have to say. Let the Hon. Minister reply at his own convenience.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The hon. Member must know the parliamentary rules of procedure. I happened to read "May's Parliamentary Practice" even this morning.